

PATENT

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Applicant:	DONG, Juan	Art Unit: 1793
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Title:	METHOD FOR MICROMACHINING METALLIC MATERIALS	

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Via EFS

28 January 2009

Commissioner of Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action date 26 September 2008 from Examiner Weiping Zhu of Art Unit 1793.

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STATUS

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-15 are pending and have been subjected to a restriction requirement.

Claims 1-6 and 12-15 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over US Patent No. 5,171,348 to Umetani et al. (Umetani '348).

Claims 7-11 have been withdrawn from consideration.

SUMMARY OF FEES

1. No Excess Claims Fee.

Applicant has paid for twenty (20) total claims and three (3) independent claims. As this Response results in fifteen (11) total claims and two (2) independent claims, no excess claims fee is due.

2. Extension of Time Fee.

This response is being filed with a petition for a two-month extension of time up to and including 26 February 2009 and the appropriate extension of time fee.